Motorcycle crash kills Stratham man

Police: Rider had no helmet

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MANCHESTER — A second Seacoast man has died this week as a result of a motorcycle crash.

Police said Richard C. Rollins, 74, of Stratham, was killed Wednesday after being ejected from his motorcycle during a crash on Interstate 293 in Manchester. The crash occurred at 10:19 a.m.

According to New Hampshire State Police Troop B, a preliminary investigation indicates that Rollins was traveling north when he lost control of his 2011 Harley-Davidson motorcycle, left the roadway and crashed down an embankment. Police said the accident occurred shortly after Rollins entered I-293 northbound from Interstate 93 southbound.

Rollins was not wearing a helmet, police said. He was transported to the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, where he succumbed to his injuries, according to the statement from state police.

The crash remains under investigation, but police said neither speed nor alcohol appear to have been factors in the crash.